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SHILAJIT MITRA

We fell, head first, for Dilip Kumar's smile. There's Dilip, leaping up a window in *Azaad* (1955). In *Kohinoor* (1960), he's a gently grinning prince stuck on Meena Kumari. His prankish nature is well documented by friends and colleagues. There's a public photo of him without that trademark smile. "Tragedy King" is a moniker best suited for history books. Dilip Kumar, who passed away at 98 in Mumbai after a prolonged illness, never missed a good laugh.

To understand the Dilip Kumar story is to get a guided tour of the subcontinent's past. He was born Mohammed Yusuf

Khan in Peshawar in British India. In the 1930s, his family relocated to Bombay, where his father set up a fruit export business. Though Bombay would forever be Dilip Kumar's city, he also lived in Deolali and Pune for a while. His career, meanwhile, trailed past the confines of the Hindi film industry. He shot a number of his films in Chennai, and moved to Kurseong near Darjeeling for the 1970 Bengali film *Sagina Mahato*.

Known for his acute, realistic performances, Dilip Kumar is credited for introducing method acting in Indian cinema. He went to incredible lengths to inhabit a character psychologically. His naturalistic style created a fascinating friction with the era-defining films he starred in. It's startling, even now, to

DILIP KUMAR (MUHAMMED YUSUF KHAN) • 11 DECEMBER 1922 • 7 JULY 2021

A conjurer of tears and smiles

watch him refuse to chew up scenery in *Mughal-E-Azam*, or go irredeemably over the top in *Ram Aur Shyam* or *Aan*. "I never think of a character as a different person," he told BBC Hindi in a 1969 interview. "If I'm offered a character aged 30, but the script doesn't have the data for the 29 years of his life, I try to fill that in within the framework of the story..."

As with any great star, Dilip

Kumar's legacy is inextricably tied up with other legends of his time. He was given his screen name by Devika Rani, the Bombay Talkies head who offered him his first acting job (he debuted with *Jwar Bhata* in 1944). Since his family was close to the Kapoor clan, he formed a lasting friendship with Raj Kapoor, attending Khalsa College together and later collaborating in the 1949 romance *Andaz*. In a

career spanning six decades, he rarely repeated directors, but when he did it was nothing short of event. Three of his best films—*Devdas*, *Yahudi*, *Madhumati*—were with Bimal Roy. Mehmood Khan punctuated the triangular romances of *Andaz* and *Amar* with the swashbuckling *Aan*. Late in his career, he became a favourite of Subhash Ghai, appearing in blistering blockbusters like *Karma* and *Saudagar*.

Equally iconic were his collaborations with some of the greatest female leads of Indian cinema. Given their contrasting onscreen personas, he was paired regularly with Vyjayanthimala—their natural chemistry and funny banter, a battle half won for nifty producers.

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Ganga bhi, Jamuna bhi, Aadmi bhi, Vidhaata bhi, Har Andaz ka Leader



Dilip Kumar
1922-2021

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MAJOR CLEAN UP IN MEGA SHAKE-UP

Biggies like Javadekar, Prasad among 12 sacked; seven promoted to Cabinet rank; 43 take oath of office; Rijju gets law, Mandaviya health, Scindia civil aviation



President Ram Nath Kovind (right) and Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the newly inducted ministers at Rashtrapati Bhavan

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

AIMING to do an image makeover and making the party look ready with ample representation from the weaker sections of the society, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday carried out a major shake-up of his council of ministers. The adverse impact of Covid-19 apparently led to the culling of 12 ministers, including biggies like Dr Harsh Vardhan, Ravi Shankar Prasad and Prakash Javadekar.

With the government being hauled over the coals by an aggressive higher judiciary during the Covid second wave, Prasad lost his place in the new Cabinet. The new law minister is Kiren Rijju, who has been elevated to Cabinet rank.

Javadekar was seen as not having delivered as the first spokesperson of the Centre in his role as minister for information and broadcasting. The new I&B minister is Anurag Thakur, who has also been given Cabinet rank. Vardhan, in the firing line for not anticipating the Covid second wave, lost his health portfolio to Mansukh Mandaviya, who who had been actively arranging medicines for Covid patients.

The axe also fell on Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' (education goes to Dharmendra Pradhan), DV Sadananda Gowda (chemicals and fertilizers with Mandaviya as added responsibility) and six ministers of state, which included Santosh Kumar Gangwar and Babul Supriyo.

Others who were elevated to Cabinet rank were Hardeep Puri,

YOUNGEST-EVER TEAM PICKED SO FAR

With an average age of 56, the new team is the youngest-ever Modi has led so far. The youngest is first time Lok Sabha member from Cooch Behar Nisith Pramanik (35), while the eldest is 69. The other young ministers are Shantanu Thakur (38), Anupriya Patel (40), Bharati Pawar (42) and John Barla (45)

SEVEN FORMER BABUS IN MODI'S NEW TEAM

The new team has 27 members representing the Other Backward Classes, 12 Scheduled Caste and eight Scheduled Tribe ministers. It also has a Muslim, Christian and Sikh each and two Buddhists. As for professionals, it has three lawyers, six doctors, five engineers and seven former civil servants

G Kishan Reddy, R K Singh and Puroshotam Rupala. In all, 43 ministers took oath of office. The first was Narayan Rane as Cabinet minister, which indicated the party is not looking to win back the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, and will go it alone in the next Assembly polls while expanding its support base in the Konkani region. He will hold the MSME portfolio.

As expected, former CM of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal and the architect of the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh, Jyotiraditya Scindia got Cabinet rank. Scindia is the new minister for civil aviation. Interestingly, his

father Madhavrao Scindia had quit as civil aviation minister in 1992 after an aircraft crash.

BJP's national general secretary Bhopender Yadav, a key aide of Union home minister Amit Shah, and a protégé of late minister Arun Jaitley, joined the Cabinet. He will hold the environment and labour portfolios. Shah has been given the additional role of running the new ministry of cooperation.

Bureaucrat-turned-politician Ashwini Vaisnaw from Odisha also entered the Cabinet. He had earned his spurs while working in Atal Bihari Vajpayee's PMO.

A dozen ministers from the Scheduled Castes were also drafted in, including A Narayanaswamy (Karnataka), Kaushal Kishore (UP) and L Murugan (Tamil Nadu). With eight ministers hailing from the tribal community, the BJP clearly sought to work out its social engineering with the SCs, STs and Other Backward Castes (OBCs).

NDA allies who took their oath included R C P Singh (JD-U) and Pashupati Paras (LJP), both Cabinet rank, and Anupriya Patel of Apna Dal as minister of state.

With Gujarat elections due next year, Mandaviya and Puroshotam Rupala, both hailing from electorally significant Patidar community, were promoted. Kishan Reddy's elevation was in line with the BJP's political aspirations in Telangana. Adding combative faces, the PM drafted in Shobha Karandlaje (Karnataka) and Meenakshi Lekhi (Delhi), while Bengal was represented by four new faces.

ELEVATED TO CABINET



Kiren Rijju



Raj Kumar Singh



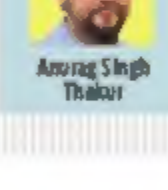
Hardeep Singh Puri



Mansukh Mandaviya



Puroshotam Rupala



G Kishan Reddy

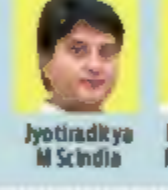


Anurag Singh Thakur

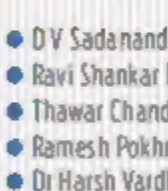
FRESH IN MODI CABINET



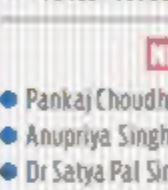
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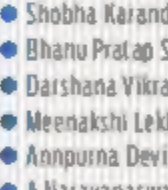
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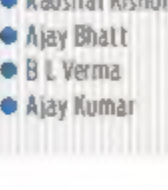
Sarbananda Sonowal



Dr Virendra Kumar



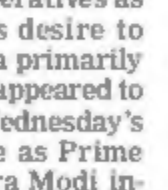
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Ramchandra Prasad Singh



Ashwini Vaisnaw



Pashu Pati Kumar Paras

AXED

- DV Sadananda Gowda
- Ravi Shankar Prasad
- Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
- Dr Harsh Vardhan
- Prakash Javadekar

- Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- Babul Supriyo
- Dhote Sanjay Shamrao
- Rattan Lal Kataria
- Pratap Chandra Sarangi
- Debasree Chaudhuri

NEW MINISTERS OF STATE

- Pankaj Choudhary
- Anupriya Singh Patel
- Dr Satya Pal Singh Baghel
- Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- Shobha Karandlaje
- Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma
- Darshana Vikram Jadhav
- Meenakshi Lekhi
- Annpurna Devi
- A Narayanaswamy
- Kaushal Kishore
- Ajay Bhatt
- B L Verma
- Ajay Kumar

- Chauhan Devusinh
- Bhagwanth Khuba
- Kapil Moreswar Patil
- Pratima Bhoomik
- Dr Subhas Sarkar
- Dr Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad
- Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh
- Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar
- Bishweswar Todu
- Shantanu Thakur
- Dr Munjapara Mahendrabhai
- John Barla
- Dr L Murugan
- Nisith Pramanik

Elections, caste equations weigh heavy in rejig

MANISH ANAND AND ANURAG SINGH @ New Delhi/Lucknow

ELECTORAL imperatives as well as the BJP's desire to shed its image as a primarily upper-caste party appeared to weigh heavy in Wednesday's Cabinet reshuffle as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inducted several faces belonging to the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and OBC communities.

Given that non-Yadav OBC and non-Jatav Scheduled Castes had played a significant role in the BJP winning 312 of Uttar Pradesh's 403 Assembly seats in 2017, Wednesday's Cabinet expansion kept in mind the caste arithmetic

of the state.

The state also bagged the maximum number of berths with seven of its MPs taking the oath. Of them, six are either from OBCs or Scheduled Caste. Pankaj Chaudhary and Anupriya Patel belong to the Kurmi community, categorised as OBCs.

B L Verma is a Lodhi-Rajput, also an OBC. Kaushal Kishore, an eloquent MP considered close to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, belongs to the OBC Pasi caste. The other two from backward communities are S P Singh Baghel and Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma. They belong to the SC and Kori OBC communities respectively.

The only upper-caste member from UP is Ajay Kumar, a Brahmin.

Similar social engineering has been attempted in the representation from Maharashtra. Of the four new ministers from the state, only Narayan Rane, a Maratha, belongs to the upper caste. Among the other three, Bhagwat Karad is a Wanjari OBC, Kapil Patil belongs to Agri OBC community and Bharti Pawar is from a Scheduled Tribe.

From Madhya Pradesh, the party picked Virendra Kumar—a seven-term parliamentarian—who's from the Khatik OBC community,

which constitutes 15-16% of the state's population.

The humiliation in the West Bengal Assembly elections did not stop the party from inducting two ministers from the state, both from the backward communities. While John Barla is an ST from the tea community in north Bengal, Shantanu Thakur is a Matua, an OBC who are Hindu refugees from Bangladesh.

In Gujarat, Patidar community members Puroshotam Rupala and Mansukh Mandaviya were elevated to the Cabinet rank while Mahendrabhai Munjapara and Darshana Jadhav were made ministers of state. (With Sudhir Suryawanshi and Pranab Mondal)

JAB-O-METER
July 6
30,42,302 doses
July 7
31,04,428 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 36,43,99,414

Over 10.93 crore vaccine doses given to the 18-44 age group

NATIONWIDE	JULY 6	JULY 7
Fresh cases	34,703	43,733
Recoveries	51,864	47,240
Deaths	553	930

KARNATAKA	JULY 6	JULY 7
Fresh cases	3,104	2,743
Recoveries	4,992	3,081
Deaths	92	75

Flying to be heavy on your pocket: KIA proposes big hike in user devt fee

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

BE prepared to shell out more for your air travel from Bengaluru from October this year as Bengaluru International Airport Ltd (BIAL), operator of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), has proposed a steep hike in User Development Fee (UDF). The proposal has been submitted to the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) and is

pending approval.

Now, the fee for domestic passengers is Rs 184 and for international flyers, it is Rs 839. AERA, after considering the fee hike put forth by BIAL, has proposed Rs 450 in first phase and Rs 555 in the later phase for domestic passengers. It has also considered a hike of Rs 1,350 and then Rs 2,230 for international passengers. AERA has put the fee hike on its website, inviting public comments.

Explaining the reason behind the hike, CEO and MD of BIAL Hari Marar told TNE, "The tariff revision has come at a time when Kempegowda International Airport is about to complete and operationalise a massive Rs 13,000 crore expansion programme. This is further exacerbated by the fact that during the period of the recovery of this investment, traffic is at its lowest as a result of the ongoing pandemic."

FUEL METER
Here are the fuel prices as on July 7. With a big jump on Wednesday, the price of petrol in some places of Karnataka has crossed ₹105 per litre.

PLACE	PETROL	DIESEL
CHITRADURGA	₹105.73	96.35
DAVANAGERE	105.25	96.32
SHIVAMOGGA	104.79	96.09
BALLARI	104.79	96.03
HUBLALI	103.44	94.81
BELAGAVI	103.43	94.81
KALABURGI	103.38	94.75
MYSURU	103.13	94.49
MANGALURU	102.76	94.12
BENGALURU	103.62	94.95



BSY directs officials to prepare Makedatu project action plan

BENGALURU: Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has directed officials to prepare the action plan for the Makedatu reservoir and drinking water project at the earliest, which is vital for Karnataka, Home, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai said here on Wednesday. Yediyurappa will hold a meeting with legal experts and technical experts on preparing the action plan for the project this weekend, Bommai told reporters | P7